

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tool comprising:

a body having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the body is integrally formed wherein the body having has an outside perimeter and an inside perimeter wherein the inside perimeter defines an open area and further wherein the body has a height defined between a top side and a bottom side wherein the top side and the bottom side form the outside perimeter of the body wherein the height has a maximum height at the first end and further wherein the height decreases to a minimum height at the second end wherein the height undulates between the first end and the second end;

first surfaces formed on the inside perimeter of around the open area wherein the first surfaces are parallel and separated by a first width in the open area; and

second surfaces formed on around the inside perimeter of the open area wherein the second surfaces are parallel and separated by a second width wherein the second width is greater than the first width and one of the first surfaces is co-extensive with one of the second surfaces.

Claim 2 (original): The tool of Claim 1 further comprising:

grooves in the body of the tool wherein the grooves extend toward the inside perimeter.

Claim 3 (original): The tool of Claim 1 further comprising:

ridges on the outside perimeter of the tool wherein the ridges are formed by depressions in the body of the tool along the outside perimeter.

Claim 4 (original): The tool of Claim 1 further comprising:

an indent in the inside perimeter separating each of the surfaces.

Claim 5 (original): The tool of Claim 1 further comprising:

an apex formed along the inside perimeter.

Claim 6 (original): The tool of Claim 1 further comprising:

third surfaces around the open area wherein the third surfaces are parallel and separated by a third width wherein the third width is greater than the second width and one of the third surfaces is co-extensive with one of the second surfaces.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A fastening device comprising:

a body having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the body has an outside perimeter wherein the outside perimeter defines an exterior surface wherein the exterior surface forms a height between a top side and a bottom side wherein the height undulates between the first end and the second end;

an interior area within the body having a first wall ~~parallel to~~ and a second wall wherein the first wall is continuously parallel to the second wall; and

indents within the first wall and the second wall wherein the indents divide the first wall and the second wall into spaced

sections and further wherein a first width is defined between the first wall and the second wall wherein the first width increases to form a greater area between the spaced sections as the distance from the first end increases to the second end.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The fastening device of Claim 7 wherein the sections increase in ~~size~~ length from the first end to the second end.

Claim 9 (original): The fastening device of Claim 7 further comprising:

ridges on the outside perimeter of the fastening device wherein the ridges are formed by depressions in the body of the fastening device along the outside perimeter.

Claim 10 (original): The fastening device of Claim 7 further comprising:

grooves formed in the body of the fastening device wherein the grooves extend toward the interior area.

Claim 11 (original): The fastening device of Claim 7 further comprising:

an apex at the first end of the fastening device formed by a convergence of the first wall and the second wall.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The fastening device of Claim 7 further comprising:

first sections in the first wall and the second wall wherein the first sections are separated by a first second width; and

second sections in the first and the second wall wherein the second sections are separated by a ~~second~~ third width wherein the second width is at least twice greater than the ~~first~~ second width.

Claim 13 (original): The fastening device of Claim 7 wherein one of the indents in the first wall is aligned with one of the indents in the second wall.

Claim 14 (currently amended): A method for securing a fastener, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a tool having a body having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the body has an interior area defined by parallel walls wherein the walls have engaging sections wherein the engaging sections are integrally formed with the body wherein the engaging sections are co-extensive and further wherein each of the engaging sections has a different width separating the engaging sections in the interior area wherein the width of the engaging sections increases along the length from a minimum width at the first end to a maximum width at the second end and further wherein the body has a top end and a bottom end wherein the top end and the bottom end extend from the engaging sections to form an exterior surface wherein the tool has a height defined between the top end and the bottom end wherein the height increases along the length of the tool from a minimum height at the first end to a maximum height at the second end; and

selecting first engaging sections to contact the fastener wherein the walls of the tool contact the fastener.

Claim 15 (original): The method of Claim 14 further comprising the step of:

moving the tool in a direction to secure the fastener.

Claim 16 (original): A tool comprising:

a body having a length defined between a first end and a second end wherein the body having has an outside perimeter and an inside perimeter wherein the inside perimeter defines an open area wherein the outside perimeter defines an exterior surface wherein the exterior surface surrounds the inside perimeter wherein the exterior surface undulates between the first end and the second end;

first surfaces formed on along the inside perimeter wherein the first surfaces are parallel and opposed;

a first section and a second section along formed on each of the first surfaces wherein a first distance exists between opposed first sections and a second distance exists between opposed second sections wherein the first distance is not equal to the second distance; and

second surfaces within the inside perimeter wherein the second surfaces are parallel and opposed and wherein the second surfaces are separated by a distance greater than the first distance and the second distance and further wherein one of the first surfaces is

co-extensive with one of the second surfaces wherein the distance between the second surfaces increases as the second surfaces move toward the first end wherein the distance is at a maximum length at the second end.

Claim 17 (original): The tool of Claim 16 further comprising:

a first section and a second section along each of the second surfaces wherein a first distance exists between opposed first sections and a second distance exists between opposed second sections wherein the first distance is not equal to the second distance.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The tool of Claim 16 further comprising:

third surfaces co-extensive with the second surfaces wherein the third ~~surface~~ surfaces are opposed and parallel.

Claim 19 (original): The tool of Claim 16 wherein the distance between the first sections is based on a first measurement system and the distance between the second sections is based on a second measurement system wherein the first measurement system is not the same as the second measurement system.

Claim 20 (original): The tool of Claim 16 wherein the second surfaces are longer than the first surfaces.